

Supreme Court
2019 Annual Report
Annual Caseload Report

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Supreme Court Glossary

This glossary is included to assist in understanding the statistical tables.

Filings

Notice Of Appeal - A review of a trial court decision in these select circumstances: review is authorized statutorily; an issue of constitutionality is involved; conflicting appellate decisions are at issue; questions of public importance are raised; or, the death penalty was decreed. Notices of appeal directly following a judgment in a superior court as a matter of right must be filed within 30 days. Notices of appeal are categorized into criminal and civil appeals.

Cases opened on notice of appeal can reach the Supreme Court by these means: direct appeal from trial court; certification by the Court of Appeals; granting of a motion to transfer an appeal from the Court of Appeals; or an administrative transfer initiated by the Supreme Court to relieve pressure on the Court of Appeals or because a similar case is already being heard by the Supreme Court.

Petitions For Review

- A review of any Court of Appeals' decision terminating review. The Supreme Court only accepts reviews of decisions that conflict with other Supreme Court or Court of Appeals' decisions, that involve a significant question of law under the federal or state constitution, or that concern "an issue of substantial public interest..." (Rules of Appellate Procedure (RAP) 13.4).

Other Reviews

- The five following categories are grouped under the title "Other Reviews": personal restraint petitions, discretionary reviews, original actions against state officers, petitions for expenditures of public funds, and reviews certified from federal court.

Personal Restraint Petition

- A petition to seek relief from limitations on a person's freedom due to current or imminent confinement. The Supreme Court normally exercises its jurisdiction over such petitions by transferring them to the Court of Appeals (RAP 16.5).

Discretionary Review

- A review of interlocutory orders of the superior court. Reviews made prior to a final determination of the case, in which a party argues that the trial court has committed an error pursuant to RAP 2.3(b). Discretionary reviews are in the purview of the Supreme Court under most of the same conditions that apply for notices of appeal. The Supreme Court may be requested by motion for discretionary review, to review interlocutory Court of Appeals' decisions, and decisions on personal restraint petitions.

Actions Against State Officers -

Both the Supreme Court and the superior courts have concurrent original jurisdiction over a petition against a state officer in the nature of quo warranto, prohibition, and mandamus (RAP 16.2), generally preventing a continued exercise of authority unlawfully asserted.

Petitions For Expenditures Of Public Funds

- Petitions for expenditure from the indigent defense fund (RAP 15.2).

Certified From Federal Court

- Reviews certified to determine a question of state law which does not involve a question determined by reference to the United States Constitution (RAP 16.16).

Dispositions

Cases are considered officially disposed in the Supreme Court as soon as a decision terminating review is filed with the Supreme Court Clerk.

Opinions

- Those cases which were reviewed by the Court and had an opinion written.

Motion On The Merits

- Termination of a review due to the granting of a motion on the merits (RAP 18.14).

Dismissed

- An order, issued by the Court, dismissing the review prior to a determination of the merits. The commissioner or clerk may dismiss a review for failure to comply with procedures. The Court, on motion of a party, may dismiss a review if the review is frivolous, moot, or solely for the purpose of delay. Also, the Court may dismiss reviews for want of prosecution or for failure to comply with procedures (RAP 18.9).

Transferred To Court Of Appeals

- To promote the orderly administration of justice, the Supreme Court may, on its own initiative or on motion of a party, transfer a case to the Court of Appeals.

Review Not Accepted

- Reviews disposed through this manner are not accepted because they fail to meet the requirements of review stated in Rule 2 and Rule 13 of the Rules of Appellate Procedure. These requirements are summarized in the above glossary definitions for each review type.

Terminated

- An order issued by the Court terminating the review before an opinion is rendered. An order to terminate a review would result if, for example, a petitioner decided to withdraw the review.

Pending

Case Stayed - Those cases temporarily arrested or removed from judicial processing by order of the Court.

Ready For Setting

- Those cases within the stages of perfection which have at minimum had the briefs filed but have yet to be set on the Court calendar for review.

Not Ready For Setting

- Those cases within the stages of perfection which are ready for consideration but have yet to file further pleadings.

Set For Motion On The Merits

- Those cases which have been set on the motion on the merits calendar (RAP 18.14).

Set For Oral Argument

- Those cases which have progressed to the point at which all briefs were filed and served and have been set for review.

Opinion/Order In Process

- Those cases which have been reviewed by the Court but have yet to receive a decision.

Mandated

A decision is mandated by the Clerk of the Supreme Court with a written notification of the Court's decision to the originating court and the parties involved.

Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

Court Activity by Source of Review - 2019 Annual Report

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	Trial Courts	Court of Appeals	Original Actions	WSBA / CJC	Certified Issues	Total
FILINGS						
Total Filings	116	1,088	86	88	5	1,383
RESOLUTIONS						
Opinions Published	15	65	1	0	7	88
Opinion Terminating Review	15	65	1	0	7	88
Dismissed	1	4	1	0	1	7
Transferred/Certified	24	0	0	0	0	24
Review Not Accepted	6	16	2	0	0	24
Other Terminations	60	558	14	1	0	633
Order Terminating Review	91	578	17	1	1	688
Dismissed	7	26	4	0	0	37
Review Not Accepted	2	301	3	0	0	306
Other Terminations	5	91	4	0	0	100
Ruling Terminating Review	14	418	11	0	0	443
Other Terminations	0	0	0	82	0	82
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	0	0	82	0	82
Total Resolved	120	1,061	29	83	8	1,301
PENDING AT YEAR END						
Cases Stayed	1	9	0	3	0	13

(1) WSBA/CJC cases that were decided in previous years are recorded as disposed. Those dispositions are included in "Other Decisions Terminating Review".

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	Trial Courts	Court of Appeals	Original Actions	WSBA / CJC	Certified Issues	Total
Cases Ready	6	3	0	0	0	9
Cases Not Ready	9	110	3	10	0	132
Set for Motion Calendar	16	223	3	0	0	242
Set for Oral Argument	2	20	0	1	1	24
Total Awaiting Hearing	34	365	6	14	1	420
Opinion/Order in Process	6	19	0	0	1	26
Total Pending Decision	40	384	6	14	2	446
MANDATED						
Opinion Terminating Review	14	68	1	2	5	90
Order Terminating Review	92	582	17	1	1	693
Ruling Terminating Review	19	411	7	0	0	437
Other Decision Terminating Review	6	22	62	82	0	172
Total Mandated	131	1,083	87	85	6	1,392

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	----- Appeals -----			----- Discretionary Review -----			Death Penalty Review	Exp Public Funds (1)	Total
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total			
FILINGS									
Total Filings	2	30	32	4	13	17	0	67	116
RESOLUTIONS									
Opinions Published	0	11	11	1	3	4	0	0	15
Opinion Terminating Review	0	11	11	1	3	4	0	0	15
Dismissed	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Transferred/Certified	3	21	24	0	0	0	0	0	24
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
Other Terminations	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	58	60
Order Terminating Review	3	23	26	0	1	1	0	64	91
Dismissed	0	5	5	2	0	2	0	0	7
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	2
Other Terminations	0	0	0	2	3	5	0	0	5
Ruling Terminating Review	0	5	5	5	4	9	0	0	14
Total Resolved	3	39	42	6	8	14	0	64	120
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cases Ready	0	3	3	2	1	3	0	0	6
Cases Not Ready	1	7	8	0	0	0	0	1	9
Set for Motion Calendar	0	3	3	0	4	4	0	9	16

(1) Expenditure of Public Funds.

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	----- Appeals -----			----- Discretionary Review -----			Death Penalty Review	Exp Public Funds (1)	Total
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total			
Set for Oral Argument	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total Awaiting Hearing	1	16	17	2	5	7	0	10	34
Opinion/Order in Process	0	3	3	0	3	3	0	0	6
Total Pending Decision	1	19	20	2	8	10	0	10	40
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	0	11	11	1	2	3	0	0	14
Order Terminating Review	3	24	27	0	1	1	0	64	92
Ruling Terminating Review	1	5	6	7	6	13	0	0	19
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	2	6
Total Mandated	4	42	46	8	11	19	0	66	131

(1) Expenditure of Public Funds.

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	Petition for Review			Motions for Discretionary Review			Discretionary Review - PRP	Certifications	Transfers (Party Motions)	Total
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total				
FILINGS										
Total Filings	348	276	624	44	130	174	288	0	2	1,088
RESOLUTIONS										
Opinions Published	33	27	60	3	1	4	0	1	0	65
Opinion Terminating Review	33	27	60	3	1	4	0	1	0	65
Dismissed	0	3	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
Review Not Accepted	3	1	4	0	2	2	10	0	0	16
Other Terminations	319	213	532	5	21	26	0	0	0	558
Order Terminating Review	322	217	539	6	23	29	10	0	0	578
Dismissed	7	9	16	2	3	5	5	0	0	26
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	8	24	32	269	0	0	301
Other Terminations	0	0	0	23	67	90	0	0	1	91
Ruling Terminating Review	7	9	16	33	94	127	274	0	1	418
Total Resolved	362	253	615	42	118	160	284	1	1	1,061
PENDING AT YEAR END										
Cases Stayed	5	1	6	0	1	1	2	0	0	9
Cases Ready	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Cases Not Ready	3	5	8	2	3	5	97	0	0	110
Set for Motion Calendar	94	80	174	12	29	41	6	0	2	223

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	Petition for Review			Motions for Discretionary Review			Discretionary Review - PRP	Certifications	Transfers (Party Motions)	Total
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total				
Set for Oral Argument	8	8	16	0	1	1	1	2	0	20
Total Awaiting Hearing	111	95	206	14	34	48	107	2	2	365
Opinion/Order in Process	9	6	15	1	1	2	0	0	2	19
Total Pending Decision	120	101	221	15	35	50	107	2	4	384
MANDATED										
Opinion Terminating Review	34	29	63	4	0	4	0	1	0	68
Order Terminating Review	325	218	543	6	23	29	10	0	0	582
Ruling Terminating Review	7	11	18	23	91	114	278	0	1	411
Other Decision Terminating Review	6	8	14	1	3	4	3	0	1	22
Total Mandated	372	266	638	34	117	151	291	1	2	1,083

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	Actions Against	Personal Restraints	Death Penalty PRP	Miscellaneous Reviews	Total	Certified from Federal Court
FILINGS						
Total Filings	5	63	0	18	86	5
RESOLUTIONS						
Opinions Published	1	0	0	0	1	7
Total Opinions	1	0	0	0	1	7
Dismissed	0	1	0	0	1	1
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	2	2	0
Other Terminations	0	0	0	14	14	0
Total Orders	0	1	0	16	17	1
Dismissed	0	0	0	4	4	0
Review Not Accepted	1	2	0	0	3	0
Other Terminations	4	0	0	0	4	0
Total Rulings	5	2	0	4	11	0
Total Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Resolved	6	3	0	20	29	8
PENDING AT YEAR END						
Cases Not Ready	1	1	0	1	3	0
Set for Motion Calendar	0	0	0	3	3	0
Set for Oral Argument	0	0	0	0	0	1

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	Actions Against	Personal Restraints	Death Penalty PRP	Miscellaneous Reviews	Total	Certified from Federal Court
Total Awaiting Hearing	1	1	0	4	6	1
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	0	0	0	1
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total Pending Decision	1	1	0	4	6	2
MANDATED						
Opinion Terminating Review	1	0	0	0	1	5
Order Terminating Review	0	1	0	16	17	1
Ruling Terminating Review	1	2	0	4	7	0
Other Decision Terminating Review	1	61	0	0	62	0
Total Mandated	3	64	0	20	87	6

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	----- Washington State Bar Association -----						Commission on Judicial Conduct				
	Admission Appeals	Admission Petition	Disciplinary Appeals	Disciplinary Discretionary Review	Disciplinary Show Cause	Other (2)	Total WSBA	Disciplinary Disability Appeals	Disciplinary Disability Discretionary Review	Total CJC	Total
FILINGS											
Total Filings	0	9	1	0	11	67	88	0	0	0	88
RESOLUTIONS (1)											
Other Terminations	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total Orders	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Other Terminations	1	9	0	0	12	60	82	0	0	0	82
Total Others	1	9	0	0	12	60	82	0	0	0	82
Total Resolved	1	9	0	1	12	60	83	0	0	0	83
PENDING AT YEAR END											
Cases Stayed	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	3
Cases Not Ready	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	10
Set for Oral Argument	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total Awaiting Hearing	0	0	2	0	0	12	14	0	0	0	14
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Pending Decision	0	0	2	0	0	12	14	0	0	0	14
MANDATED											
Opinion Terminating Review	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2
Order Terminating Review	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Ruling Terminating Review	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Decision Terminating Review	1	9	0	0	12	60	82	0	0	0	82

(1) WSBA/CJC cases that were decided in previous years are recorded as disposed. Those dispositions are included in "Other Decisions Terminating Review."

(2) Includes Notice of Discipline, Stipulation and Reciprocal Discipline, Disability Inactive Status Appeal, Transfer to Disability Inactive Status, Financial and Miscellaneous Non-Discipline.

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----- Washington State Bar Association -----

Commission on Judicial Conduct

	Admission Appeals	Admission Petition	Disciplinary Appeals	Disciplinary Discretionary Review	Disciplinary Show Cause	Other (2)	Total WSBA	Disciplinary Disability Appeals	Disciplinary Disability Discretionary Review	Total CJC	Total
Total Mandated	1	9	1	1	13	60	85	0	0	0	85

(1) WSBA/CJC cases that were decided in previous years are recorded as disposed. Those dispositions are included in "Other Decisions Terminating Review."
 (2) Includes Notice of Discipline, Stipulation and Reciprocal Discipline, Disability Inactive Status Appeal, Transfer to Disability Inactive Status, Financial and Miscellaneous Non-Discipline.

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History of Filings - 2015 to 2019

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	2015	2016	% Chg (1)	2017	% Chg (1)	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)
TRIAL COURTS									
Criminal Appeals	6	1	. %	1	. %	5	. %	2	. %
Civil Appeals	45	35	-22.2 %	50	42.9 %	39	-22 %	30	. %
TOTAL Appeals	51	36	-29.4 %	51	41.7 %	44	-13.7 %	32	-27.3 %
Direct Discretionary Review	23	15	. %	26	. %	22	. %	17	. %
Expenditure of Public Funds	99	66	-33.3 %	68	3 %	83	22.1 %	67	-19.3 %
TOTAL -- TRIAL COURTS	173	117	-32.4 %	145	23.9 %	149	2.8 %	116	-22.1 %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	417	361	-13.4 %	338	-6.4 %	388	14.8 %	348	-10.3 %
Civil	291	261	-10.3 %	264	1.1 %	230	-12.9 %	276	20 %
TOTAL Petition for Review	708	622	-12.1 %	602	-3.2 %	618	2.7 %	624	1 %
Motion for Discr. Review	121	130	7.4 %	155	19.2 %	135	-12.9 %	174	28.9 %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP	332	308	-7.2 %	287	-6.8 %	279	-2.8 %	288	3.2 %
Certifications/Transfers	8	5	. %	3	. %	6	. %	2	. %
TOTAL -- COURT OF APPEALS	1,169	1,065	-8.9 %	1,047	-1.7 %	1,038	-0.9 %	1,088	4.8 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	131	108	-17.6 %	117	8.3 %	106	-9.4 %	91	-14.2 %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	112	118	5.4 %	105	-11 %	109	3.8 %	88	-19.3 %
TOTAL FILED	1,585	1,408	-11.2 %	1,414	0.4 %	1,402	-0.8 %	1,383	-1.4 %

(1) Percentages are not reported when numbers are small (less than 30).

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History of Resolutions - 2015 to 2019

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	2015	2016	% Chg (1)	2017	% Chg (1)	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)
TRIAL COURTS									
Criminal Appeals	5	2	. %	2	. %	3	. %	3	. %
Civil Appeals	33	45	36.4 %	38	-15.6 %	34	-10.5 %	39	14.7 %
TOTAL Appeals	38	47	23.7 %	40	-14.9 %	37	-7.5 %	42	13.5 %
Direct Discretionary Review	27	12	. %	32	. %	21	. %	14	. %
Death Penalty Review	0	0	%	0	%	3	. %	0	. %
Expenditure of Public Funds	96	65	-32.3 %	63	-3.1 %	74	17.5 %	64	-13.5 %
TOTAL -- TRIAL COURTS	161	124	-23 %	135	8.9 %	135	0 %	120	-11.1 %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	377	401	6.4 %	361	-10 %	374	3.6 %	362	-3.2 %
Civil	221	302	36.7 %	276	-8.6 %	251	-9.1 %	253	0.8 %
TOTAL Petition for Review	598	703	17.6 %	637	-9.4 %	625	-1.9 %	615	-1.6 %
Motion for Discr. Review	127	131	3.1 %	177	35.1 %	110	-37.9 %	160	45.5 %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP	382	291	-23.8 %	392	34.7 %	251	-36 %	284	13.1 %
Certifications/Transfers	6	8	. %	6	. %	3	. %	2	. %
TOTAL	1,113	1,133	1.8 %	1,212	7 %	989	-18.4 %	1,061	7.3 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	28	33	. %	42	27.3 %	22	. %	37	. %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	100	114	14 %	110	-3.5 %	119	8.2 %	83	-30.3 %
TOTAL RESOLVED	1,402	1,404	0.1 %	1,499	6.8 %	1,265	-15.6 %	1,301	2.8 %

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History of Pending Cases - 2015 to 2019

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	2015	2016	% Chg (1)	2017	% Chg (1)	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)
Criminal Appeals	2	1	. %	0	. %	3	. %	1	. %
Civil Appeals	36	27	. %	31	. %	26	. %	19	. %
Total Appeals	38	28	. %	31	%	29	. %	20	. %
Direct Discretionary Review	16	13	. %	8	. %	8	. %	10	. %
Death Penalty Review	3	3	. %	3	. %	0	. %	0	%
Expenditure of Public Funds	11	11	. %	14	. %	10	. %	10	. %
TOTAL -- TRIAL COURTS	68	55	-19.1 %	56	1.8 %	47	-16.1 %	40	-14.9 %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	191	150	-21.5 %	132	-12 %	138	4.5 %	120	-13 %
Civil	164	125	-23.8 %	111	-11.2 %	90	-18.9 %	101	12.2 %
Total Petition for Review	355	275	-22.5 %	243	-11.6 %	228	-6.2 %	221	-3.1 %
Motion for Discr. Review	51	46	-9.8 %	20	. %	40	. %	50	25 %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP	188	191	1.6 %	79	-58.6 %	105	32.9 %	107	1.9 %
Certifications/Transfers	4	9	. %	3	. %	1	. %	6	. %
TOTAL -- COURT OF APPEALS	598	521	-12.9 %	345	-33.8 %	374	8.4 %	384	2.7 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	14	12	. %	10	. %	12	. %	8	. %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	22	27	.%	21	.%	9	.%	14	.%
TOTAL PENDING	680	588	-13.5 %	411	-30.1 %	433	5.4 %	432	-0.2 %

(1) Percentages are not reported when numbers are small (less than 30).

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Court Activity Trends, All Reviews (1) - 2015 to 2019

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	2015	2016	% Chg (2)	2017	% Chg (2)	2018	% Chg (2)	2019	% Chg (2)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,585	1,408	-11.2 %	1,414	.4 %	1,402	-8 %	1,383	-1.4 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	28	98	. %	89	-9.2 %	101	13.5 %	88	-12.9 %
Dismissed	8	1	. %	2	. %	1	. %	7	. %
Transferred/Certified	15	21	. %	27	. %	15	. %	24	. %
Review Not Accepted	25	19	. %	24	. %	23	. %	24	. %
Other Terminations	664	720	8.4 %	669	-7.1 %	645	-3.6 %	633	-1.9 %
Total Orders	712	761	6.9 %	722	-5.1 %	684	-5.3 %	688	.6 %
Dismissed	84	61	-27.4 %	31	-49.2 %	21	. %	37	. %
Transferred/Certified	5	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	349	248	-28.9 %	363	46.4 %	219	-39.7 %	306	39.7 %
Other Terminations	124	122	-1.6 %	186	52.5 %	126	-32.3 %	100	-20.6 %
Total Rulings	562	432	-23.1 %	580	34.3 %	366	-36.9 %	443	21.0 %
Other Decisions Term. Review	100	113	13.0 %	108	-4.4 %	114	5.6 %	82	-28.1 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	1,374	1,306	-4.9 %	1,410	8.0 %	1,164	-17.4 %	1,213	4.2 %
Total Resolved	1,402	1,404	.1 %	1,499	6.8 %	1,265	-15.6 %	1,301	2.8 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	18	16	. %	17	. %	14	. %	13	. %
Cases Ready	12	4	. %	7	. %	8	. %	9	. %
Cases Not Ready	460	494	7.4 %	238	-51.8 %	166	-30.3 %	132	-20.5 %

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	2015	2016	% Chg (2)	2017	% Chg (2)	2018	% Chg (2)	2019	% Chg (2)
Set for Motion Calendar	148	36	-75.7 %	100	177.8 %	206	106.0 %	242	17.5 %
Set for Oral Argument	31	26	. %	41	. %	26	. %	24	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	669	576	-13.9 %	403	-30.0 %	420	4.2 %	420	.0 %
Opinion/Order in Process	33	39	18.2 %	29	. %	22	. %	26	. %
Total Pending Decision	702	615	-12.4 %	432	-29.8 %	442	2.3 %	446	.9 %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	132	94	-28.8 %	105	11.7 %	100	-4.8 %	90	-10.0 %
Order Terminating Review	726	762	5.0 %	722	-5.2 %	688	-4.7 %	693	.7 %
Ruling Terminating Review	544	434	-20.2 %	551	27.0 %	415	-24.7 %	437	5.3 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	223	208	-6.7 %	196	-5.8 %	226	15.3 %	172	-23.9 %
Total Mandated	1,625	1,498	-7.8 %	1,574	5.1 %	1,429	-9.2 %	1,392	-2.6 %

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	2015	2016	% Chg (1)	2017	% Chg (1)	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	173	117	-32.4 %	145	23.9 %	149	2.8 %	116	-22.1 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	3	12	. %	12	. %	10	. %	15	. %
Dismissed	4	1	. %	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Transferred/Certified	15	21	. %	24	. %	15	. %	24	. %
Review Not Accepted	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	6	. %
Other Terminations	95	67	-29.5 %	62	-7.5 %	76	22.6 %	60	-21.1 %
Total Orders	115	89	-22.6 %	86	-3.4 %	92	7.0 %	91	-1.1 %
Dismissed	27	16	. %	21	. %	14	. %	7	. %
Transferred/Certified	4	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %
Other Terminations	12	5	. %	16	. %	19	. %	5	. %
Total Rulings	43	23	. %	37	. %	33	-10.8 %	14	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	158	112	-29.1 %	123	9.8 %	125	1.6 %	105	-16.0 %
Total Resolved	161	124	-23.0 %	135	8.9 %	135	.0 %	120	-11.1 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	1	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Cases Ready	7	3	. %	3	. %	3	. %	6	. %
Cases Not Ready	43	26	. %	21	. %	23	. %	9	. %

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	2015	2016	% Chg (1)	2017	% Chg (1)	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)
Set for Motion Calendar	10	13	. %	23	. %	14	. %	16	. %
Set for Oral Argument	2	4	. %	3	. %	4	. %	2	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	63	46	-27.0 %	51	10.9 %	45	-11.8 %	34	-24.4 %
Opinion/Order in Process	5	9	. %	5	. %	2	. %	6	. %
Total Pending Decision	68	55	-19.1 %	56	1.8 %	47	-16.1 %	40	-14.9 %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	12	11	. %	19	. %	11	. %	14	. %
Order Terminating Review	116	89	-23.3 %	87	-2.2 %	91	4.6 %	92	1.1 %
Ruling Terminating Review	43	22	. %	33	. %	35	6.1 %	19	. %
Other Decision Terminating Review	5	3	. %	2	. %	24	. %	6	. %
Total Mandated	176	125	-29.0 %	141	12.8 %	161	14.2 %	131	-18.6 %

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Court Activity Trends, Cases from Court of Appeals - 2015 to 2019

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	2015	2016	% Chg (1)	2017	% Chg (1)	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,169	1,065	-8.9 %	1,047	-1.7 %	1,038	-9 %	1,088	4.8 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	24	79	. %	70	-11.4 %	82	17.1 %	65	-20.7 %
Dismissed	4	0	. %	2	. %	0	. %	4	. %
Review Not Accepted	22	19	. %	24	. %	22	. %	16	. %
Other Terminations	552	628	13.8 %	580	-7.6 %	559	-3.6 %	558	-2 %
Total Orders	578	647	11.9 %	606	-6.3 %	581	-4.1 %	578	-5 %
Dismissed	57	44	-22.8 %	8	. %	7	. %	26	. %
Review Not Accepted	347	247	-28.8 %	363	47.0 %	218	-39.9 %	301	38.1 %
Other Terminations	107	116	8.4 %	165	42.2 %	101	-38.8 %	91	-9.9 %
Total Rulings	511	407	-20.4 %	536	31.7 %	326	-39.2 %	418	28.2 %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	1,089	1,054	-3.2 %	1,142	8.3 %	907	-20.6 %	996	9.8 %
Total Resolved	1,113	1,133	1.8 %	1,212	7.0 %	989	-18.4 %	1,061	7.3 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	16	14	. %	14	. %	10	. %	9	. %
Cases Ready	3	0	. %	4	. %	3	. %	3	. %
Cases Not Ready	389	438	12.6 %	197	-55.0 %	136	-31.0 %	110	-19.1 %
Set for Motion Calendar	138	20	. %	75	. %	186	148.0 %	223	19.9 %
Set for Oral Argument	26	21	. %	33	. %	19	. %	20	. %

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	2015	2016	% Chg (1)	2017	% Chg (1)	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)
Total Awaiting Hearing	572	493	-13.8 %	323	-34.5 %	354	9.6 %	365	3.1 %
Opinion/Order in Process	26	28	. %	22	. %	20	. %	19	. %
Total Pending Decision	598	521	-12.9 %	345	-33.8 %	374	8.4 %	384	2.7 %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	112	77	-31.3 %	78	1.3 %	81	3.8 %	68	-16.0 %
Order Terminating Review	577	648	12.3 %	606	-6.5 %	584	-3.6 %	582	-.3 %
Ruling Terminating Review	494	408	-17.4 %	509	24.8 %	373	-26.7 %	411	10.2 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	21	13	. %	9	. %	10	. %	22	. %
Total Mandated	1,204	1,146	-4.8 %	1,202	4.9 %	1,048	-12.8 %	1,083	3.3 %

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	2015	2016	% Chg (1)	2017	% Chg (1)	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	124	105	-15.3 %	111	5.7 %	101	-9.0 %	86	-14.9 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	0	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Dismissed	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Transferred/Certified	0	0	. %	3	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	2	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	2	. %
Other Terminations	17	25	. %	26	. %	10	. %	14	. %
Total Orders	19	25	. %	29	. %	11	. %	17	. %
Dismissed	0	1	. %	2	. %	0	. %	4	. %
Transferred/Certified	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	2	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	3	. %
Other Terminations	5	1	. %	5	. %	6	. %	4	. %
Total Rulings	8	2	. %	7	. %	7	. %	11	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	27	27	. %	36	. %	18	. %	28	. %
Total Resolved	27	28	. %	37	. %	18	. %	29	. %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	0	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Cases Not Ready	7	5	. %	3	. %	1	. %	3	. %
Set for Motion Calendar	0	3	. %	2	. %	6	. %	3	. %

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	2015	2016	% Chg (1)	2017	% Chg (1)	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)
Total Awaiting Hearing	7	9	. %	6	. %	7	. %	6	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Pending Decision	8	9	. %	6	. %	7	. %	6	. %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	1	0	. %	2	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Order Terminating Review	33	25	. %	29	. %	12	. %	17	. %
Ruling Terminating Review	7	4	. %	9	. %	7	. %	7	. %
Other Decision Terminating Review	97	78	-19.6 %	77	-1.3 %	78	1.3 %	62	-20.5 %
Total Mandated	138	107	-22.5 %	117	9.3 %	97	-17.1 %	87	-10.3 %

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Court Activity Trends, Cases from WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct (1) - 2015 to 2019

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	2015	2016	% Chg (2)	2017	% Chg (2)	2018	% Chg (2)	2019	% Chg (2)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	112	118	5.4 %	105	-11.0 %	109	3.8 %	88	-19.3 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	0	1	. %	2	. %	5	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Total Orders	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Rulings	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review	100	113	13.0 %	108	-4.4 %	114	5.6 %	82	-28.1 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	100	113	13.0 %	108	-4.4 %	114	5.6 %	83	-27.2 %
Total Resolved	100	114	14.0 %	110	-3.5 %	119	8.2 %	83	-30.3 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	1	1	. %	1	. %	3	. %	3	. %
Cases Not Ready	21	25	. %	17	. %	6	. %	10	. %
Set for Oral Argument	0	0	. %	2	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	22	26	. %	20	. %	9	. %	14	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	0	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Pending Decision	22	27	. %	21	. %	9	. %	14	. %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	3	0	. %	3	. %	3	. %	2	. %
Order Terminating Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %

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	2015	2016	% Chg (2)	2017	% Chg (2)	2018	% Chg (2)	2019	% Chg (2)
Other Decision Terminating Review	100	113	13.0 %	108	-4.4 %	114	5.6 %	82	-28.1 %
Total Mandated	103	113	%	111	%	117	5.4 %	85	-27.4 %

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